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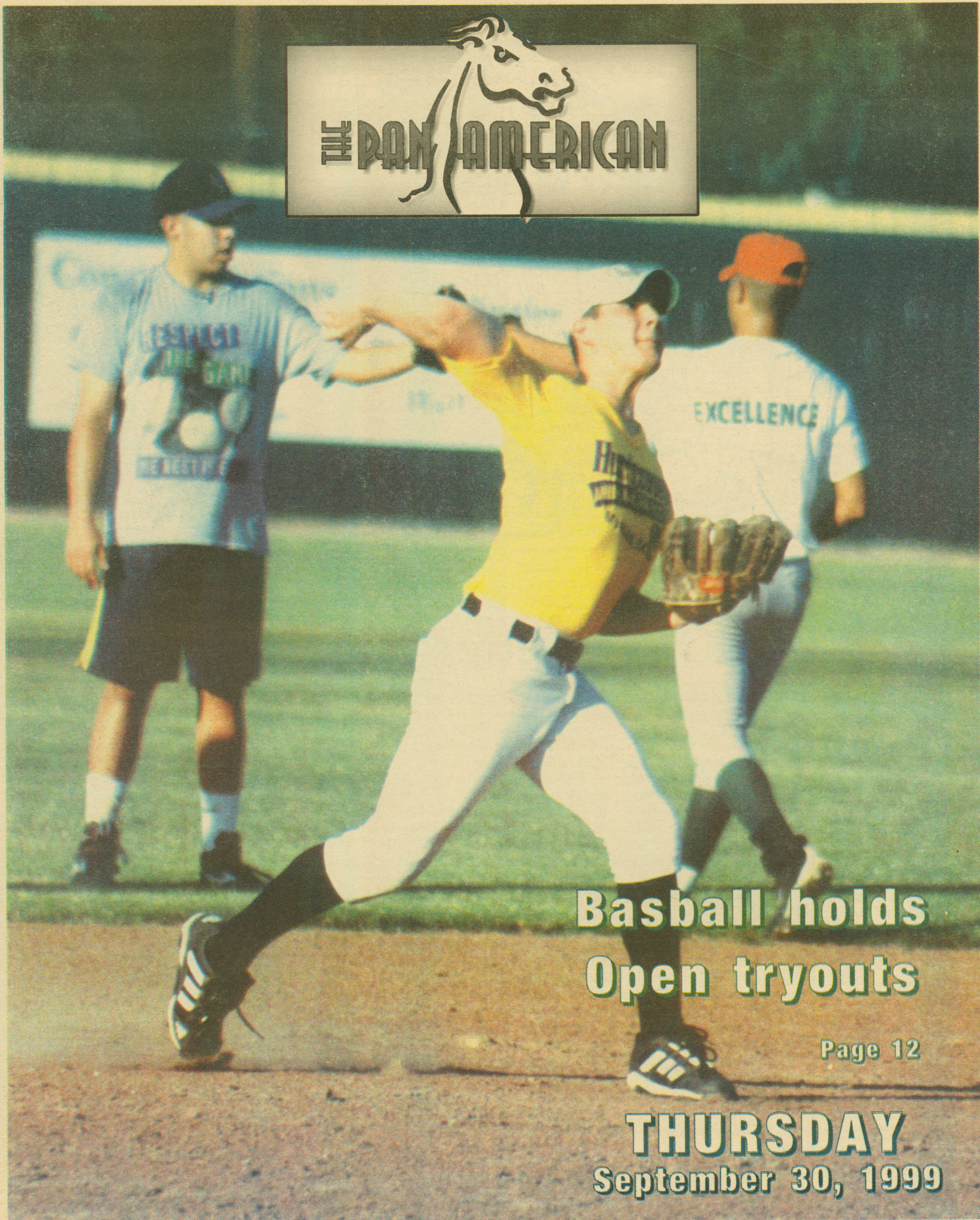
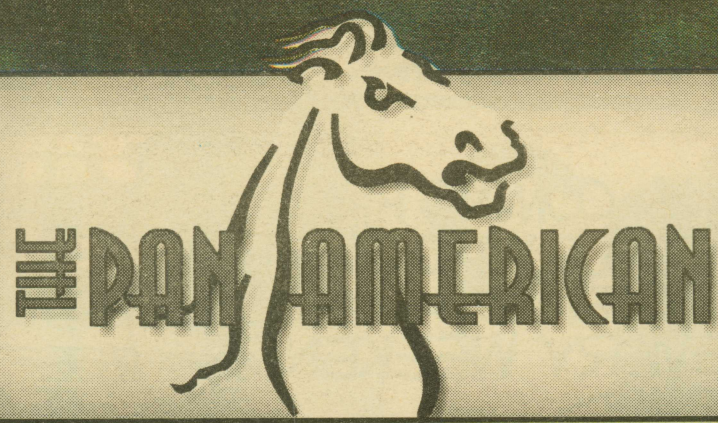
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Baseball holds Open tryouts

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THURSDAY
September 30, 1999

OPINION

Cover: Caleb Miller shows his arm strength during his tryout.
Photo by: Bert Gonzalez

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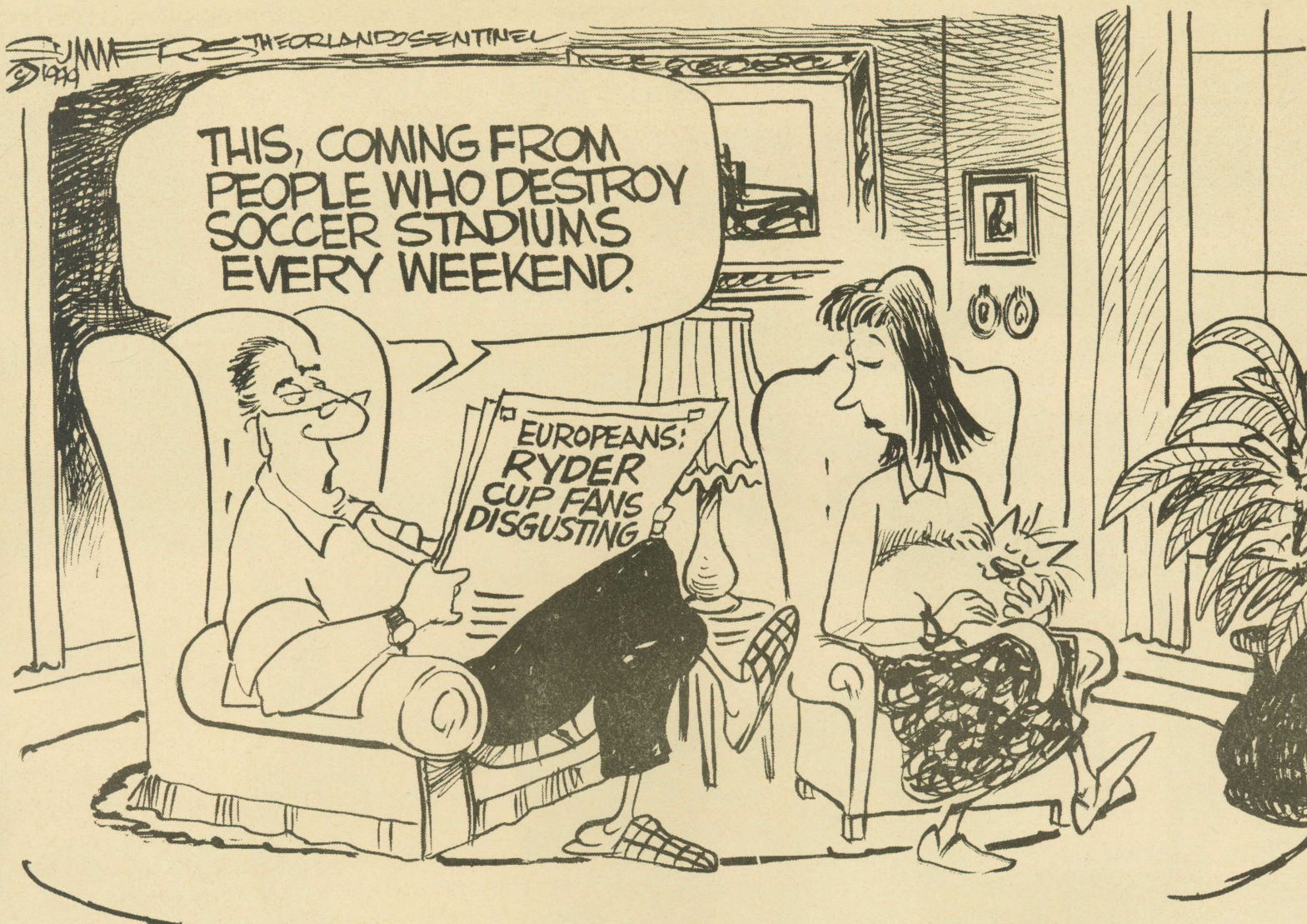
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An Open Letter to Bob Hoffman

First off, welcome to UTPA, where promising coaching careers come to die.

Your record at Oklahoma Baptist is impressive, to say the least. I assume that is why the athletic department selected you as their final choice to fill the recently vacated position of Delray Brooks.

I have four words of advice to give you, coach.

DON'T UNPACK YOUR THINGS.

Be ready to get out of here when the soup really starts to thicken, because if history prevails, you will eventually be found guilty of something, or incompetent, or both.

You've managed to come in at a good time, however. The 90s have not been particularly good to our men's basketball program, but as the new millennium dawns, perhaps too is a new age for the Bucking Broncs.

I wonder what ploy was used to lure you here. Let me warn you that if you took this job for the prestige, honor,

and autonomy that are inherent to being a Division I coach, you may have been misled.

All that "Div I" has seemed to mean in recent times is that we are now allowed to be trampled on by "real" Division I teams. The basketball program, which is the foundation upon which our collegiate athletic program rests does not have the money that fellow Div I schools tote.

Why? Because no one cares. And when no one cares, the stands are empty and the cash flow stops. That is, except for the "guaranteed" money we get from letting a bigger school decimate us.

The suits will assure you that we just don't have the enrollment to give us the support we need.

Really? The program at UTEP, which has an enrollment just slightly larger than ours always seems to be successful in terms of attendance and financial support, yet ours does not. Hmmm.

To find the root of this prob-

lem you need not go farther than the 3rd floor of the Administration building.

I'll let you in on a little secret: Athletics are at the absolute bottom of the president's priority list. actually that's no secret.

Now, I understand that the bulk of UTPA's budget is slated for academics (facilities, equipment, salaries, etc.) But you will find that other money— money that potentially could help you fund your program— is deemed better spent on concrete used to make sidewalks over every shortcut worn into the university's precious lawn or installing unsightly parking meters or diverting man-hours to the party preparations at the house of the president or the Shary Shivers Estate.

You should take comfort in the fact that you are not alone. The volleyball team could stand to have some new practice equipment. and take in a ball game at Jody Ramsey Stadium when you have the

chance. There you can listen to a public address system that's older than most students. Oh, and if you happen to catch a fly ball, be sure to give it back— the team is budgeted for just a few (the bare minimum). Can you believe that? Aration on baseballs?

"Money makes the world go 'round." And this program has made only half a revolution since moving to Division I. The rapid expansion of UTPA has left our intercollegiate sports program in its dust. More dust than in Oklahoma, I guarantee you.

Yes, sir. Athletics could fall off the face of the earth as far as the administration is concerned. and make no mistake, so could your job. Just ask Mark Adams, Kevin Wall, and now Delray Brooks.

—J. Javier Mancha
Senior
Communications

Student Profile

By Amelie M. Sanchez



Larry Hutto

While most UTPA students can't change a flat tire, entering freshman Larry Hutto can not only change your flat tire, he can replace your air conditioning unit, motor and transmission. "I'm good with my hands; I've always been able to take things apart and put them back together." Hutto accredits his talents to his father who used to rebuild "hot rods." In addition to taking 12 hours and working part time, Hutto likes to rebuild trucks in his spare time. He is currently working on a truck, which will have an 18-21 inch lift. "The motor weighed about 1,500 pounds and put a dent in the bed of my truck." Once his second truck is finished, Hutto hopes to enter it in either Off Road or Truck Show Competitions. Until then Hutto is excited about his classes at UTPA and hopes to not only pass all his classes, but meet more people.

HOMETOWN: Mission

CLASSIFICATION: Freshman

MAJOR: Undecided

BEST THING ABOUT UTPA: Laid back instructors

MAIN GRIPE: Not enough clocks

FAVORITE GETAWAY SPOT: My room

HANDLE STRESS: Play it out

PERSONAL MOTTO: Play the hand that you're dealt

DREAM JOB: Rock Star

BEST FEATURE: My eyes

BEST ADVICE RECEIVED: Drive carefully

ADVICE TO COLLEAGUES: Go to class

FAVORITE ALBUM: Pantera - Far Beyond Driven

FAVORITE AUTHOR: Edgar Allen Poe

Campus Briefs

Hispanic civil rights pioneer to lecture today

By Ronnie L. Garcia

The Political Science Association anticipates a discussion with Dr. Jose Angel Gutierrez at noon today in the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBSC) Building, room 101.

"I do not think its an exaggeration to say that Jose Angel has been one of the most influential members of the contemporary Chicano movement," says Political Science Department Chair, Dr. Jerry Polinard.

Jose Angel Gutierrez is one of founders of La Raza Unida, a political party that was created in the 1960s, during the civil rights movement.

Dr. Gutierrez, who is a professor at the University of Texas-Arlington and holds a law degree, helped organize a Mexican-American protest in Crystal City, TX.

The protest in Crystal City ignited the formation of La Raza Unida when Mexican-Americans were disenchanted by the local high school's tradition of selecting one Mexican-American cheerleader per year.

The predominantly Anglo populated town was challenged by the Mexican-American constituency when Chicanos began campaigning and later elected to Crystal City political offices.

La Raza Unida inspired a generation of political activism and motivated Mexican-American voter registration that eventually led to a expansion of Chicanos to hold political office.

During his visit to the UTPA campus he plans discuss and promote his past endeavors in advocating Chicano empowerment in his autobiographical book, "The Making of a Chicano Militant: Lessons from Crystal."

I'm glad that my organization choose to sponsor the discussion," said Political Science Association President, Monica De Luna.

"I think Dr. Gutierrez's discussion is relevant to the university's alumni since the university is predominantly Hispanic. Students should be exposed to their heritage's struggles."

SDLC dedicated to charity work, community

By Lisa Uresti

The Sisters Dedicated to the Latino Community Club (SDLC) will hold a breakfast taco fund-raiser today in front of the Social Behavior and Sciences Building. A barbecue is scheduled for October 23 and club members are selling tickets for \$4.

Upcoming volunteer events for SDLC include participation during the Special Olympics Saturday and involvement in the Mercedes Trash Bash October 9.

"The most outstanding ideals of this organization is the idea of a community service organization that con-

centrates on giving help to the less fortunate," said Dr. Kay Blalock, SDLC advisor.

Community services of the organization include participation in Habitat for Humanity and volunteer work with the Rio Grande Food Bank.

President Kay Bravo said the purpose of the organization is to unite the bonds of sisterhood and to become an organization involved in charitable work.

General meetings are held every Sunday in the Learning Resource Center or in the Student Center.

SEPTEMBER

30 MEETING: The South Texas Independent Film Society is meeting from Noon - 1 p.m. in the TV Studio Green Room.

30 MEETING: The Global Organization is meeting from Noon - 1 p.m. in the University Center (UC) Building, room 307.

30 ACTIVITY: Dr. Jose Angel Gutierrez, professor at UT-Arlington and founder of the La Raza Unida, will speak about his new book "The Chicano in U.S.-Mexico Relations, 1970-1999" from Noon - 1 p.m. in the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SBSC) Building, room 101. The event is being sponsored by the Political Science Association.

30 LUNCH: The Delta Zeta Sorority invites students to join them for lunch from Noon - 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

30 LAB: R.O.T.C. is holding an Activity Lab (Modified Grenade Assault) at 2:35 p.m. in the COAS Quad. All cadets must be in uniform.

30 MEETING: The Fencing Club is meeting from 8 - 10 p.m. in Health and Physical Education 1 (HEP 1) Building, room 1.130.

30 MEETING: Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)

is meeting at 8:45 p.m. in the Business Administration (BUSA) Building, room 110.

OCTOBER

1-2 MASTERCLASS: The Music Department is presenting master vocal teacher, Robert Edwin, in a two-day conference. Mr. Edwin will work individually with amateur and professional singers.

2 ACTIVITY: The Health and Kinesiology Club will host their 2nd Annual Karate Championships at Noon in the Health and Physical Education 2 (HEP 2) Building. Spectators can expect to see Black Belt Fighting, wood and cement breaking, and weapons action. Everyone is invited to attend.

2 CONCERT: The Music Department is presenting master vocalist Robert Edwin and Austin singer Rachel Cruz at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

2 VOLLEYBALL: UTPA vs. Monterrey Tech (Exhibition) at 7 p.m. in the Field House.

3 PROGRAM: The UTPA Friends of the Library is sponsoring the "Notable Valley Hispanics" Ceremony to recognize 1999 honorees at 2 p.m. in the Media Theatre located next to the Library.

5 CLINIC: Student Health Services is holding a

Skin Care Clinic for removal of warts and skin tags, treatment for acne and other skin problems from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Emilia Hall with special pricing for students, faculty, and staff. Call 381-2511 for appointments.

5 CLINIC: Student Health Services is providing free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing and counseling in Emilia Hall from 9 - Noon for students, faculty, staff, and community. Ask for Ruben.

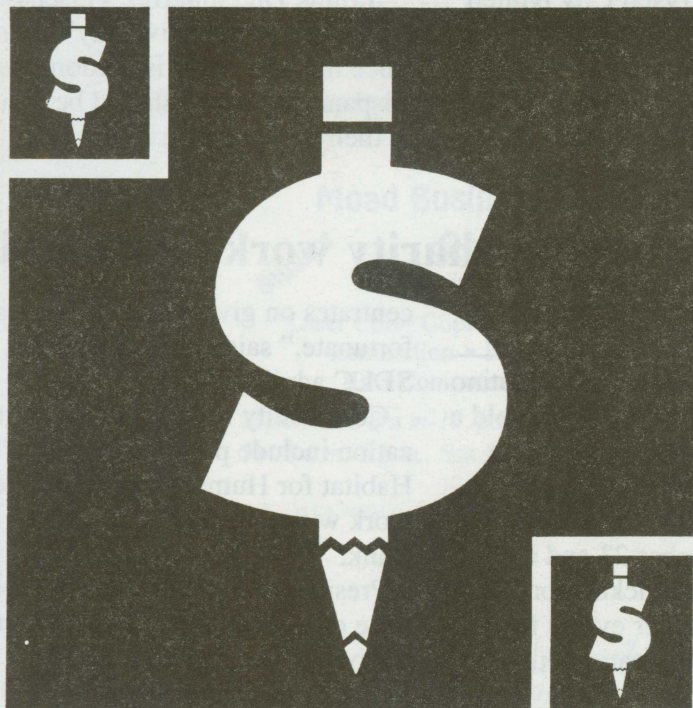
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Athletic Department	381-2221
Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
Music Department	381-3471
UTPA Theatre	381-3581

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Health Services works to quell myths about HIV/AIDS testing

By H. Farwa Naqvi
Staff Writer

Valley AIDS Council is offering free and confidential HIV/AIDS testing through student health services at Emilia Schunior Ramirez Hall every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to Noon. Students and faculty in high risk categories should consider this beneficial service.

High risk categories include people who have had multiple sex partners, are homosexual, have problems with substance abuse, or have had unprotected sex.

Statistics show that 83% of Students at UTPA are sexually active. Of those, only 19% say that they use a condom every time they have sex, leaving 4% at risk for contracting the HIV virus.

"Because there's a big gap between the numbers of students who are sexually active and the number of students who practice safe sex, there is a big need for HIV testing at UTPA," said Shannon Petty, Student Health Services Public Relations Officer.

This service, which is offered year round, was started approximately 3 years ago. Meeting only one once a week, approximately three to five students came in to be tested.

Today, with two mornings allocated to the testing, there are about 15 students tested weekly.

For those students who are still anxious about the entire ordeal they need not be.

"We really try to treat the students with dignity . . . we know that they are tense," said Petty.

Students are never called by their names, they are instead described only by their clothing to ensure total anonymity.

"HIV testing at the clinic is the only service we offer where you're not asked for any form of ID," said Petty.

Students are taken behind closed doors with a counselor who will ask questions about their sexual history.

Nothing that has to do with the HIV testing goes into the student's file. The entire process is done through the Valley AIDS Council.

U.S. Border Patrol recruits UTPA students

By Yvette Solis
Staff Writer

Agents from the U.S. Border Patrol held an information and recruitment session yesterday at the UTPA Student Services Building.

Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. interested students attended the session to learn more about a career in the United States Border Patrol.

Border Patrol agents answered questions and assisted students with the internet application process.

Agents like Lorraine Gonzalez expressed a need for additional agents along the border.

"Due to an increase in illegal immigration and drug smuggling operations, the U.S. Border Patrol is currently in need of 1,000 new agents along the entire southwestern border," said Agent Gonzalez.

To qualify, applicants must be under 37 years of age at the time of the

application, be a U.S. citizen, pass an extensive background investigation.

Prospective agents must also have a valid driver's licence, and pass an entrance exam. A college education is preferred, but is not a requirement.

The passing candidates must then successfully complete a five month training at a Border Patrol Academy.

Physical training, Border Patrol operations, and the care and use of firearms are taught among other things.

Two more tests are required at 6 and 10 months after the trainees are returned to their assigned field station.

A career in Border Patrol has a start up salaries from \$25,000 to \$30,000 and a Federal Government benefits package.

Students interested in the U.S. Border Patrol should call to apply at (912) 757-3001, ext 991 or apply online at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

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The Real Deal

University Program Board holds Game show at UC Circle



—A.J. Alford

A crowd of students look on as the contestants try to earn their awards.



—Jesse Lopez

William Starns gives his best baby impression for the show.



—Mary Guerrero

Above: Shana Castillo tries to unroll her toilet paper within 30 seconds.

Top right: Hugo Rincon tries to blow up a doll with encouragement from host Garie Lewis.

Bottom right: Freshman Debbie Garza picks up another balloon to stuff into her pants.



—A.J. Alford



—A.J. Alford

University Theatre presents Wilder's historic 'Our Town'

By Miguel Liscano, Jr.
Staff Writer

Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning play "Our Town" will be presented at the UTPA theatre from October 4-10.

A portrayal of life in a small New Hampshire town, the play is considered by many to be one of the greatest achievements in American theatre. In his play, Wilder shows the importance of appreciation for life and the present moment. He believed a play should be real and reflect the simplicity of life or it would not be appreciated.

"Wilder is telling us to be aware of how wonderful living is. Nowadays we rush through life so fast we don't realize we're living it," said Dr. Marian Monta.

The play will run for UTPA students October 4-5 at 8:00 p.m. and for the public October 6-10, Wednesday-Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The price for tickets will be \$10 for reserved seats and \$5 for gen-

eral admission seats. UTPA students with I.D. do not have to pay and can take one guest for free.

Anybody can audition for the play because UTPA serves as Edinburg's community theatre, but the cast is mostly students and graduate students. At auditions actors are usually asked to read a part of the play, but some actors prepare their own material. The cast includes Brian Warren, a UTPA graduate student and drama professor at STCC, as the Stage Manager, Letty Valladares, who performed this summer at Drew University's Shakespeare Festival, as Emily Webb, and Rebecca De La Fuente, who performs despite her difficulty with cerebral palsy, as Mrs. Soames.

"I love it, I've been wanting to do this play since I was nine," said De La Fuente.

UTPA theatre will sponsor three more productions this year, "The Menaechmi", December 1-5, the musical "Hair" March 1-5, and "She Stoops to Conquer" April 26-30.



—University Theatre

Letty Valladares (Emily Webb) and Marco Bazan (George Gibbs) rehearse the balcony scene from Thornton Wilder's "Our Town."



—Nelson J. Gonzalez

Art Education Senior Oscar Castillo prepares for his upcoming show.

Staff Profile



Erica Perez

by Nelson J. Gonzalez

Erica Perez came to UTPA fresh out of college. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a major in Psychology and a minor in Philosophy. "I was going to pursue my master's if I didn't get hired, but here I am." In a year, Erica has been promoted to Coordinator for Student Development.

YOUR KEY TO SUCCESS: Persistence and diligence

TRAIT YOU ADMIRE MOST IN A PERSON: Intelligence

TRAIT YOU LEAST ADMIRE: Unreliability

WORDS YOU LIVE BY: That which does not kill you will make you stronger

QUALITY MOST NECESSARY IN YOUR JOB: Time management and a good objective ear.

BEST ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Get involved, don't be afraid to work hard and no matter what, graduate.

THE USUAL STATE OF YOUR DESKTOP: Messy.

MOST OFTEN ESCAPIST FANTASY AT WORK: Watching an afternoon game at Wrigley Field.

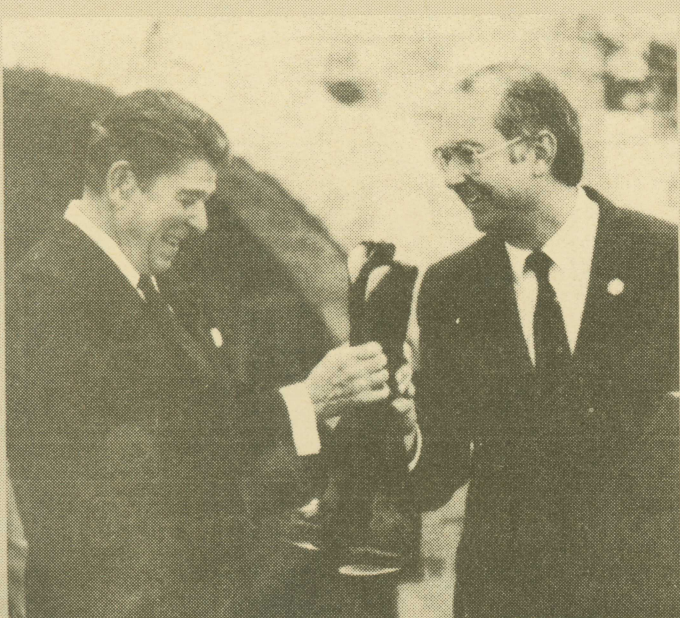
WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB: Interaction with all different kinds of people and being able to help students.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE LEAST: Not enough time.

MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE THIS MILLENNIUM: My parents.

YOUR IDEA OF HAPPINESS: Fishing on my own boat in the bay and catching fish all while not getting sun-burned.

What Year?



This was the year that Texas Legislator Phil Gramm presented President Reagan with a pair of genuine Texas boots at the Reagan-Bush Rally in Brownsville. (Answer at end of column)

Looking Back . . .

From the files of *The Pan American*

compiled by Stan Hernandez

5 Years Ago

September 29, 1994 – UTPA was a top choice nationally among Mexican - Americans going to graduate school during the 1991-1992 school year, according to a survey done by the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, NJ. The company ranked the top 100 institutions students taking the GRE desired to attend. UT-El Paso ranked first, UTPA second, UT-Austin third, and UT-Brownsville ranked 26th.

10 Years Ago

September 28, 1989 – Both The Pan American and Rio magazine have won high national awards again this year. Rio, the general interest magazine was entered in two contests. The Associated Collegiate Press rated the Pan American an "All American"

with four marks of distinction. The Columbia Scholastic Press Association awarded it a First Place rating.

15 Years Ago

September 27, 1984 – Raising the national drinking age to 21 is being opposed by the Texas Students Association which has published a survey showing a rise in alcohol consumption and related death. The survey, prepared after HB 38 was passed in June, cites results from the State Alcohol Beverage Tax Authority. The survey found increases rather than decreases in consumption among states that have raised the drinking age.

20 Years Ago

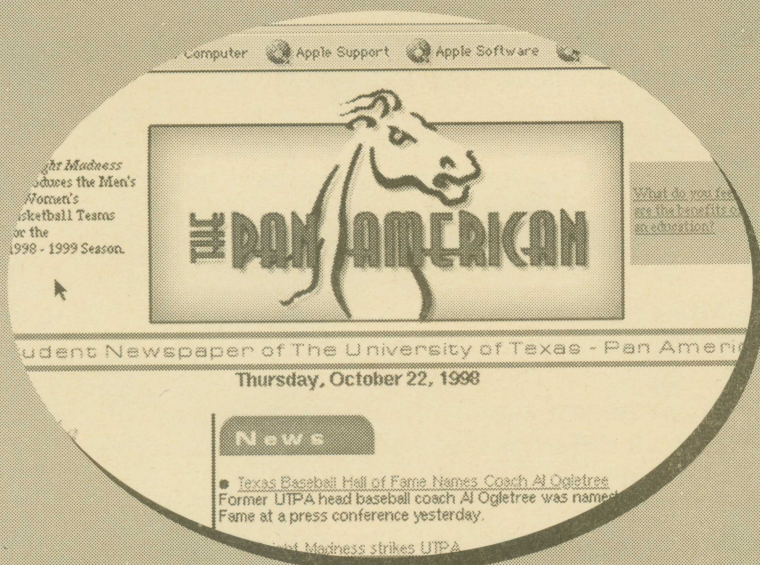
September 20, 1979 – The PAU Student Government has proposed a Car Pool plan for

students. The plan will help PAU students cope with the energy crisis and will reward those students in a car pool with designated parking spaces closer to their classes. A five - member Car Pool Task Force committee was formed to review the proposal which was then channeled to Vice-President of Student Affairs, Dr. Miguel Nevarez.

30 Years Ago

September 25, 1969 – The Board of Regents has approved and sent to the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, a recommendation for a new bachelor degree program in community service. If approved by the Coordination Board, the program will begin in January. (This photo ran on September 27, 1984)

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Community

EDINBURG COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

6 UNVEILING: "Walk of Fame" Opening featuring the unveiling of a walkway honoring five Tejano musical artists from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Edinburg Auditorium (415 West McIntyre). Held for National Hispanic Heritage Month.

7 CONCERT: SuperSplash! Adventure Waterpark (1616 South Raul Longoria Drive) is hosting a free concert with over 12 bands honoring Tejano music legend Roberto Pulido from 6 to 11 p.m. There will be a \$2 parking fee.

21 BANQUET: The Edinburg Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual banquet "Reflections: Past, Present and Future" at the Echo Hotel & Conference Center. The annual banquet honors outgoing and incoming president and board of directors as well as outstanding volunteers.

31 ACTIVITY: The Hidalgo County

Historical Museum is holding a Dia de los Muertos (DAY of the Dead) Celebration featuring an exhibition of Dia de los Muertos altars. For more information, contact Rachael Freyman at 383-6911.

NOVEMBER

20 ACTIVITY: The Hidalgo County Historical Museum is holding a Medieval Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hidalgo County Museum Heritage Courtyard. The fair will feature sword fighting, arts and crafts, dancing, music, and foods from the Middle Ages.

DECEMBER

4 ACTIVITY: Christmas Posadas are being held at the Hidalgo County Square (across from Hidalgo County Courthouse) from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a reenactment procession of the birth of Christ, vendors, booths, arts and crafts, local choirs, and musicians.

UTPA receives grant to revitalize businesses and the community

By Yvette Solis
Staff Writer

UTPA has recently received a \$398,900 grant from the Hispanic Service Institutions Assisting Communities Program (HSIAC) to create the Rio Grande Valley One Stop Capital Shop to revitalize low income neighborhoods around campus.

UTPA is among 14 other universities receiving the grant to build a community learning center that will provide new opportunities for working families and students living in the surrounding campus area.

According to HSIAC guidelines the grant should be used in activities that benefit low-income residents, help eliminate slums and meet an urgent

community need.

The HSIAC project plans to help by offering workshops which will offer a variety of business issues such as how to start a business and a business plan and offering one on one technical counseling to individual with business problems.

"Our goal is to help stimulate economic development in the Rio Grande Valley by teaching possible pitfalls in business to local or future business owners," said Candi Roxas, One Stop Capital Shop Director.

The Rio Grande Valley is part of an empowerment zone that needs urgent economic progress. The Edinburg One Stop Capital Shop Director is located at the UTPA Annex Main Office.



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Guerra sees enough for indictment

By Mireya Villarreal
Staff Writer

Some time next week, the Hidalgo County Grand Jury will come back with a decision that could directly effect former UTPA Head Basketball Coach, Delray Brooks.

Evidence from the UTPA police investigation involving the deposit of a 25,000 check in to Brooks' personal bank account, was turned over to the district attorney's office just before Brooks' termination hearing, September 17.

The Grand Jury has seen the evidence from the termination hearing and is now in deliberation. They have yet to indict Brooks on any charges.

According to Hidalgo County District Attorney, Rene Guerra, the evidence against Brooks is strong.

"Personally, I feel there is enough evidence to indict Mr. Brooks. My opinion comes from the documentation given by the bank that can serve as hard evidence. I mean, the allegations and the evidence speak for themselves," said Guerra.

The Grand Jury meets every week to decide whether an investigation will

go to trial or not. The evidence is presented by the district attorney's office and it must be a substantial for an indictment to be issued.

If Brooks is indicted, the grand jury will assign him to one of the seven district courts and charged with a second degree felony. In Brooks' case he could be charged with theft and misapplication of funds.

In order to be considered a felony, the matter at hand must deal with a dollar amount of or over 1,500. If convicted, Brooks could face a sentence that adds up to a sentence of 2-20 years in jail.

Guerra would not be personally handling this case because of his ties to the University. Guerra commented that he would assign one of his top assistants to handle this case if it were to go to trial.

Pending indictment, a decision between a bench trial or jury trial will be made as well.

A bench trial would only consist of defense lawyer(s), a prosecuting attorney, and a judge. A jury trial would include a selected jury.

QUICK HITS

Golf looks for better results

After two rough starts, the Men's and Women's Golf teams will try to improve their results in upcoming tournaments.

The women will be competing October 4-5 at the Lamar Lady Cardinal Invitational in Beaumont.

At last year's Lamar Invitational, Tootie Lauzon and Jamie McInturff both finished in the top twenty.

Lauzon finished in a tie for 12 place with a two round total of 160 (+22), and McInturff chipped in with a 168 (+24) for a 17th place finish. McInturff played well in her last tournament, finishing 16th.

The men's team will head to the Lamar Ronnie Pfeleider Invitational in West Columbia, Texas.

In their last tournament, they placed 11th out of 18 teams.

The team will be lacking experience in this tournament. Only one player on the current team played in last years Lamar tournament.

Miguel de Los Santos shot a 79 (+7) in last seasons event.

Volleyball looks to keep winning

The UTPA volleyball team broke

their losing streak with two road wins, and are now faced with a long home game stretch.

They will be meeting Monterrey Tech on October 2 at 7 p.m. in an exhibition game.

On the 5th, the team will face Texas A&M Kingsville. UTPA has not faced either of these teams this year. Last year, they did meet TAMUK twice, and beat them on both occasions.

An emerging player for UTPA in recent matches has been freshman Rosie Trevino Ramos.

Ramos has totaled 14 blocks in the last two matches and averaging 1.375 blocks per game, the highest average on the team.

The upcoming games will also allow senior Cita Jimenez to come closer to another accomplishments.

Currently, Jimenez is 29 digs behind second place Sandra Kyle on the all-time list. In assists, she is in fourth place.

In service aces, Jimenez is sixth with 86. She is five behind Nikol Gerlach and nine behind current UTPA assistant coach Christine Phillips. Last season, Jimenez finished with a total of 13 service aces.

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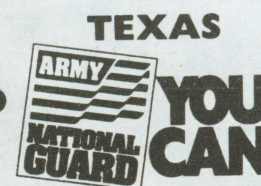
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Athlete Profile



—Jesse Lopez

Belinda Lara

By Mireya Villarreal

Belinda Lara is a student athlete at UTPA. She is as an outside hitter for the women's volleyball team. Lara's major goals for this season are to try and win all of the teams home games, as well the team's last major tournament in Missouri. Playing good defense and reaching for digs is something Lara will strive for this season. After college Lara plans to go somewhere other than the Valley to become a graduate assistant and earn her Masters Degree in Education. As a student and an athlete at UTPA, Lara's greatest accomplishment has been finishing the season and passing her classes. Lara is also involved within her community. This summer she coached a volleyball team that competed in a league called Highway 83. The team's name was Roma Black, and consisted of girls in high school. Like most busy students, Lara likes to go home and do nothing for fun. She also likes to go out with her friends and swim. Belinda will graduate this May.

HOMETOWN: Pharr

CLASSIFICATION: Senior

POSITION: Outside Hitter

MAJOR: Education

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT: Women's Volleyball Team

BEST THING ABOUT UTPA: I like that I'm close to home. My family is only 20 minutes away.

MAIN GRIPE: This doesn't feel like a real campus. I guess because this is more of a commuter school.

ROLE MODEL: Mother—She's overcome a lot throughout her life and has now become a successful business woman.

10 Years from Now: Principal at an Elementary, living in Austin, and married with kids.

Best Feature: Funny, I have a great sense of humor.

Eladio's Picks: Week Four

By Eladio Jaimez
Staff Writer

New England at Cleveland

The Patriots defense has given them a 3-0 record and will get them a win this weekend. The Browns are still looking for that first win, but first they have to find an offense.

Patriots by 10

Arizona at Dallas

Deion is back! Sanders is scheduled to come back for this game. With all the interceptions Jake Plummer has thrown Sanders couldn't have picked a better time to come back and finally play.

Cowboys by 9

St. Louis at Cincinnati

How 'bout them Rams. It's still early in the season to be praising Dick Vermeil, but Kurt Warner's experience in the game seems to be showing.

Rams by 10

Carolina at Washington

George Seifert got his first win as Panther's head coach last week, but will have to march his troops to Redskin Stadium this week and face

Brad Johnson and Stephen Davis.
Redskins by 14

NY Jets at Denver

The key word here is quarterback. Both of these teams had one and now they don't. This will finally be Denver's week.

Broncos by 7

Tennessee at San Francisco

Steve Young will miss at least a week. Their defense could get them through this game but probably won't. Journeyman Neil O'Donnell and the Titans came off a big win last week against the Jaguars and are riding high.

Titans by 7

Buffalo at Miami

Doug Flutie will try to bring his magic to Miami. Jimmy Johnson won't have any of that. As long as Marino stays healthy maybe, just maybe this could be Miami's year.

Miami by 9

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Fraternity sponsors softball tourney

By Adrain F. Trevino

Get your softball gloves and bats ready for a softball tournament on December 10. The second annual Omega Delta Phi Toys for Tots Softball Tournament will be held at the Edinburg Sports Complex, and students are urged to get a team together.

Entry fee for the tournament is one toy per player, and all toys will be donated to the Marine Military Academy for distribution.

Last year, the Omega Delta Phi fraternity collected more than 200 toys for the Toys for Tots campaign.

"We'd like to everyone to participate, and help Omega Delta Phi help the needy children of the Rio Grande Valley," said Manuel Montemayor, treasurer.

During the summer, at a national conference in San Antonio, the Omega Delta Phi crossed over from colony status to a chapter status.

The Omega Delta Phi fraternity is both a service and social fraternity. There are 12 active members in the fraternity and are beginning their first pledge class this semester.

Nathan Obregon and Hector Elizondo started the fraternity last year as a club and had to wait seven months before achieving chapter status.

Prospective members should be in good standing with the university, show leadership qualities, and should have interest in community service.

There is a pledge program that lasts up to 11 weeks, and involves learning the history of the fraternity and development of different skills: organizational, communication, studying, networking, and business.

Those interested in the softball tournament or the fraternity should contact Elizondo, pledge educator, or Obregon, president, at (956) 383-7933.

Tryouts attract small number of participants

By Eladio Jaimez
Staff Writer

Reggie Tredaway, Bronc Baseball Head Coach, concluded his annual open tryouts on Monday and Tuesday. A disappointing five would be Broncs showed up for the annual event.

"We were expecting about 20-30 guys out here. That's about what we usually get, but we had to turn several away for not having physicals," said Tredaway.

The tryouts are open to any student at UTPA that is academically eligible and has a completed physical exam.

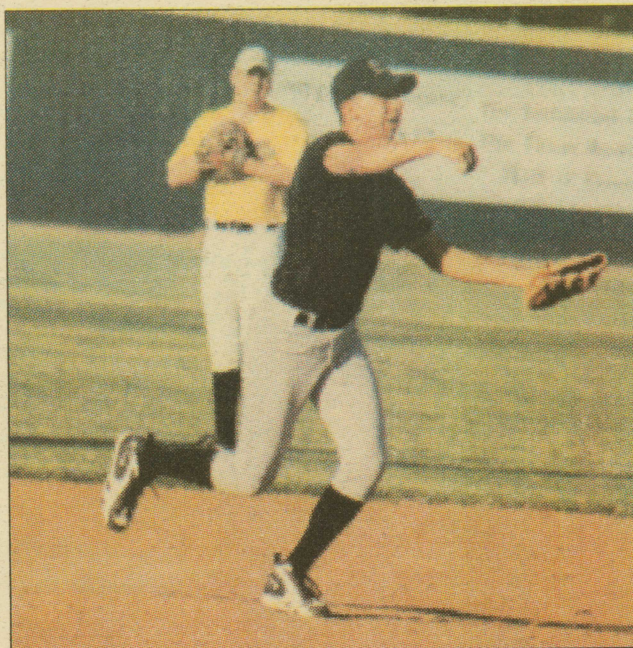
Tredaway tests the prospective players in four basic areas. Foot and hand speed, arm strength, and mechanics.

This years hopefuls were freshmen Oscar Ochoa, Roel Perez, Caleb Miller, Carlos Martell and sophomore Jorge Manriquez.

Ochoa, a first baseman, played his high school baseball in Port Isabel. As a starting pitcher in his senior year, he went 7-0. He also hit .490 with four homeruns.

"I came out here just to know I gave it a shot. If I don't make it, that's fine. At least I know I tried," said Ochoa.

Perez, a second baseman, was a three-year letter-



—Bert González

Jorge Manriquez shows his arm strength

man at PSJA. He hit .400 and four homeruns earning him All-District, All-Valley, and All-Area honors. Perez also played in the Senior Valley All-Star Game and the Del Rio All-Star Game, which includes athletes from all over South Texas.

Manriquez, a McAllen Memorial graduate, earned All-District honors in pitching while flashing some

leather at third base. Manriquez was asked to work out with the team in order to better evaluate his abilities.

"He's not a very hard thrower but he has a lot of movement on the ball. I asked him to come back so I can see how he does against some of our hitters. It doesn't mean he's on the team," said Tredaway.

Statistics for Caleb Miller and Carlos Martell were unavailable.

Tredaway is the only coach at UTPA that holds open tryouts for his sport.

Many athletes who come from small Valley high schools hoping to get a shot at Division I baseball find the transition difficult. Sometimes a hot prospect can be found in a try out that will help the team succeed.

In past years several walk-on players have gone on to have success in Division I. Donald Guillot, an outfielder from Port Isabel, played for UTPA from 1983-87. He set an NCAA record with 107 stolen bases in 1987. The record still stands. He ended his career at UTPA with a school record of 183 stolen bases.

Bobby Rutledge, an outfielder from Edinburg, played for the Broncs from 1975-78. He earned All-American honors as a walk-on as well. Rutledge finished his career at UTPA with 164 total stolen bases.

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